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SUBJECT: PANAM FREIGHT SERVICE TO MALAYSIA

REF: (A) STATE 159702; (B) KUALA LUMPUR 3528

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY APPROACHED GOM AS REQUESTED
REFTEL A WITH MIXED RESULTS. MINCOM AGREED TO DROP
PROVISO ON TRAFFIC RIGHTS FOR FREIGHT SERVICE;
HOWEVER, THEY WISH FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH PAN AM
ON PASSENGER ROUTES. THEY WILL LIKELY PLACE STRINGS
ON PASSENGER RIGHTS, BUT LESS RESTRICTIVE THAN
LETTER QUOTED DEPTEL. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF CONVEYED MESSAGE REFTEL A TO MINCOM
AND LATER ADVISED PAN AM REP IN SINGAPORE OF
DISCUSSION. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF CONVERSATION MINCOM

3. GOM CONSIDERS THAT AS ROUTE SCHEDULE IN 1970
AGREEMENT WAS DRAWN UP BEFORE MALAYSIA NATIONAL
AIRLINE WAS FORMED, IT NOW WISHES TO EXTEND
TRAFFIC RIGHTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERESTS OF MAS.
GOM HAD ENTERED PROVISO IN LETTER TO PAN AM TO
PROTECT MAS, WHICH EXTENDING SERVICE BEYOND
HONG KONG TO TAIPEI IN OCTOBER AND TO TOKYO IN JANUARY.

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RM EMBASSY REPLY ELABORATED TWO POINTS,
(A) MAS NOT PROVIDING FREIGHT SERVICE AND NOT
CAPABLE OF DOING SO IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE, AND
(B) PAN AM PASSENGER SERVICE NOT NECESSARILY
COMPETITIVE TO MAS, BUT WOULD BRING NEW AND
ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC INTO KL.

5. MINCOM ACCEDED ON FIRST POINT AND AGREED
TO EXTEND PERMIT FOR PAN AM FREIGHT SERVICE
WITHOUT THE RESTRICTION ON TRAFFIC RIGHTS STATED
IN AUGUST 11 LETTER. THEY ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL
INFO ON PAN AM FREIGHT SERVICE, WHICH PAN AM
REP SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED TO FURNISH IMMEDIATELY.
EXPECTATION IS THAT INAUGURAL FREIGHT SERVICE
WILL BE MADE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER.

6. ON PASSENGER SERVICE MINCOM AGREED TO
RELEVANCY OF EMBASSY REPLY, BUT ARE UNWILLING
TO EXTEND TRAFFIC RIGHTS WITHOUT QUALIFICATION.
THUS THEY REQUESTING FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH
PAN AM ON SPECIFIC ROUTES BEFORE THEY WILL EXTEND
PERMIT FOR PASSENGER SERVICE. (PAN AM REP
SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE WOULD REQUEST A
ROUTE NEGOTIATING OFFICER TO COME OUT FROM
NEW YORK FOR THESE CONVERSATIONS).

7. COMMENT. EMBASSY NO LONGER PUZZLED PER
REF B PARA 4 ABOUT DEPTS EARLIER QUESTION ON
GOM INTENTIONS. BASED ON THIS CONVERSATION WE
BELIEVE MINCOM WILL AGREE TO FULL PASSENGER TRAFFIC
RIGHT THROUGH MANILA AND SAIGON, BUT WILL DEMUR ON UNQUALIFIED
RIGHTS THROUGH OTHER INTERMEDIATE POINTS. OPINION
IN GOM IS DIVIDED, HOWEVER, AND IT IS POSSIBLE
THAT PANAM CAN GET MUCH OF WHAT IT IS SEEKING
IF IT ADVANCES IT'S CASE CAREFULLY.
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